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Paul E Vassberg	inq. comments on PR Docket 92-235

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REMARKS: Respond to the Washington, D.C. office.

KIKA DE LA GARZA
15th DISTRICT, TEXAS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4315

10 February 1993

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Ms Lou Sizemore
Congressional Liaison Specialist
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N W, Room 808
Washington, D C 20554

Dear Ms Sizemore

The attached correspondence from my constituent,
Mr Paul E Vassberg of Lyford, Texas is self-explanatory.

It is referred to you for your consideration and
advice, commensurate with your policies. I would greatly
appreciate your counsel in this regard, and I will look
forward to hearing from you at my Washington office.

With my thanks and highest regards, I am

Sincerely



E (Kika) de la Garza, M C

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Paul E. Vassberg
RR 1, Box 55
Lyford, Tx 78569
Jan. 28, 1993

The honorable E.(Kika) de la Garza
1524 Longworth House Office Bldg.
Wash., D.C. 20510
U.S. House

Dear Mr. de la Garza,

I have been a teacher/farmer/businessman in south Texas for over thirty years, and appreciate the manner in which you have represented our district. One of my hobbies is constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am writing you about a concern I have about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the FCC. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations, but our assigned frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan, possibly resulting in interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly, many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the "freqs", and if the number is diminished as proposed, the remaining ones will become congested and the margin of safety may be greatly decreased.

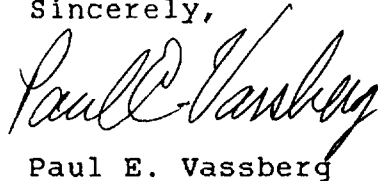
You may be aware that some models have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much 30 or 40 pounds. They are costly to build, and are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly at organized events where many people attend both as contestants and as spectators.

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I don't know exactly how to judge the relative merits of this hobby vs land mobil radio use (I'm in that too), but I do know that this hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry. Furthermore, here in the Valley, many "Winter Texans" are influenced to come here because they can pursue their RC model flying hobby here in winter. That's good for our area's economy.

Thank you for your condideration in helping me and my friends continue the safe enjoyment of our pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band without first seeking some reasonable alternative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Vassberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Paul E. Vassberg